

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you for the invite. My name's Kim Robinson. I'm from Sevier County. I'm president of Robinson Transport in Salina, Utah. We transport coal from SUFCO and Skyline Mines in Utah. Like numerous people have stated, the moratorium, I, too, recommend that it be lifted. A little history, my grandfather was one of the original owners of what is called the SUFCO Mine today. His self and -- he owned the rights and the permits and he was partnered with four other men that put the funding in to open that mine in 1941. My father started trucking out of the mine in 1946. And I think at that time everybody burned coal, including the schools and all the houses. And we celebrate our 70th year this year. (Applause.) With four generations in the industry, this is very important to me and the 160-plus employees that we have that work for us. I don't believe the national debt is caused because coal reserves and permits were underpaid. I can give you a little history about where my tax dollars go. In the 70-plus years, Robinson Transport has logged over 333 million miles, with 93.81 million tons hauled, with approximately 90 percent of that hauling being from mines in Utah. Last year alone, Robinson Transport paid over \$541,000 in state, federal tax/diesel tax/Utah cleanup fee tax; over 250,000 in vehicle registrations and permits; over 540,000 in federal fuel tax/diesel tax/LUST tax, which that's not Bill Clinton tax, the LUST tax, it stands for leakage and underground storage tanks; environmental tax; and over \$40,000 in federal highway use tax. And that is my living and we pay that federal highway use tax, but I'm no different than anybody else that drives up and down that road in their car that works for it, but I still have to pay a tax because of the regulations. A payroll of just under \$6 million, which I'm sure the biggest percent of it is spent in our own towns and communities in the state. I say this because you put a moratorium on all the trucks in the United States of America and everything you've got, you're working on, you're drinking, anything you do was brought to you by a truck. This is a big economical strength in all the small communities and it's a big deficit. I want to say one more thing, this has been my livelihood and thousands more. I see a lot of changes in my 40 years, but moratoriums do not take three years in any trucking or mining industry. A lot of growth -- I have a sign in my office that reads, "If it isn't grown, it has to be mined." Please use your good mind on making decisions of regulations to keep Utah and the United States of America a productive and proud place to work and live.